

Conference Announcements

The International Conference on Ecobalance and LCA (<http://www.igidr.ac.in/lca>)

Date:

February, 13-15, 2002

Venue:

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Gen. Vaidya Marg, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400065, India

The Conference is sponsored by: Research Center for Life Cycle Assessment, AIST, Japan • Asia Productivity Organisation, Tokyo • Industrial Development Bank of India

Introduction: The last century has been a period of substantial material growth that deteriorated ecology and environment on the globe. The burgeoning environmental problems require urgent steps to be undertaken during this century for the survival of our future generations. The issue of environment and sustainable development is of critical importance, particularly in developing countries like India. – The objective of this workshop is to communicate the LCA concept and capacity building in India. The workshop is intended to be a forum for the close interaction of International and National researchers. Various sessions are planned for presentations on theoretical aspects and practical applications of LCA in different countries.

Topics: The Conference will cover Concepts, Methodology and Case Studies on LCA for products and processes in various ecosystems. Some major areas to be addressed are Urban Ecosystems (including management), Solid Waste Management (including trade of waste), Air and Water Pollution, Marine Ecosystems (mangroves, in particular), GHGs (CO₂ and CH₄, in particular), Forest and Biodiversity, Rural Development, Agriculture (including pesticides, insecticides, chemical fertilizers, biotechnology and vermiculture), Power (both conventional and non-conventional), Mines and Minerals, etc.

Conference Schedule

Deadline for Registration and Submission of Abstracts:

October 15, 2001

(registration form and abstract submission form can be downloaded from the web site)

Call for Papers and Participation:

Those who want to present their research work should submit a one-page abstract and the full manuscript

Submission of Abstracts:

October 15, 2001

Submission of Full Papers:

December 15, 2001

Fees: The completed application form with the registration fee of Rs. 1000/- (for Indian Participants), Rs. 500 for Indian students and small NGOs, and US \$ 100 (for International Participants) should be submitted on or before October 15, 2001. The fees include conference material, morning and evening tea, lunch and accommodation at IGIDR guest house. The fee should be paid in the form of Demand Draft Payable at Mumbai to 'Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai'.

Expected output: The proceedings of the conference (presented papers, discussions and conclusions are included) will be published in the Internet Journal 'Gate to EHS (Environmental and Health Science)', Section 'Life Cycle Management' (edited by Walter Klöpffer) and peer-reviewed abstracts in 'The International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment'.

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